

## **CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

- 1 1 1 A method for updating information in a supply chain management framework, comprising:
- a) registering a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the registration including receiving first identification information;
- 5 b) collecting data from a plurality of stores of the supply chain utilizing the network, 6 the data relating to the sale of goods by the stores and including second
- 7 identification information more recent than the first identification information;
- 8 c) allowing access to the data utilizing a network-based interface;
- 9 d) comparing the first identification information with the second identification information; and
- updating the registration of the stores based on the comparison.
  - 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the updating includes updating the first
    2 identification information to include the second identification information.
  - The method of claim 1, wherein the updating includes updating a distributor assigned to the stores based on the comparison.
  - 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the first information includes a store identification number.
  - The method of claim 1, wherein the registration is further updated based on the
  - 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.



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- 7. 41 A system for updating information in a supply chain management framework, comprising:
- a) logic for registering a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the
   registration including receiving first identification information;
- b) logic for collecting data from a plurality of stores of the supply chain utilizing the network, the data relating to the sale of goods by the stores and including second identification information more recent than the first identification information;
- 8 c) logic for allowing access to the data utilizing a network-based interface;
- 9 d) logic for comparing the first identification information with the second identification information; and
- 11 e) logic for updating the registration of the stores based on the comparison.
- 1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the updating includes updating the first
  2 identification information to include the second identification information.
- 1 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the updating includes updating a distributor assigned to the stores based on the comparison.
- 1 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the first information includes a store identification number.
- 1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the registration is further updated based on the data.
  - 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.
- 1 13.43 A computer program product for updating information in a supply chain 2 management framework, comprising:
- a) computer code for registering a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the registration including receiving first identification information;



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- 5 b) computer code for collecting data from a plurality of stores of the supply chain 6 utilizing the network, the data relating to the sale of goods by the stores and including second identification information more recent than the first 7 identification information; 8 computer code for allowing access to the data utilizing a network-based interface; 9 c) d) computer code for comparing the first identification information with the second 10 11 identification information; and computer code for updating the registration of the stores based on the comparison. 12 e)
- 1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the updating includes 2 updating the first identification information to include the second identification 3 information.
- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the first information includes

updating a distributor assigned to the stores based on the comparison.

The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the updating includes

17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the registration is further updated based on the data.

The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the Internet.